REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Union County Fiscal Court audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2001. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

Financial Condition:

Cash balances increased by \$637,526 from the beginning of the year, resulting in a cash surplus of \$9,258,992 as of June 30, 2001.

Debt Obligations:

Total bonded debt principal as of June 30, 2001, was \$1,730,000. Future collections of \$2,120,806 are needed to pay all bonded debt principal and interest.

Deposits:

The fiscal court's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances arising from cash transactions of Union County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2001, and the related statement of cash receipts, cash disbursements, and changes in cash balances for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Union County Fiscal Court. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, Union County, Kentucky, prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The modified cash basis accounting system does not require an entity to maintain a general fixed asset group or a general long-term debt group of accounts.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances arising primarily from cash transactions as of June 30, 2001 of Union County, Kentucky, and the revenues received and expenditures paid for the year then ended, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.



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In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated November 18, 2002 on our consideration of Union County, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The accompanying financial information listed as supporting schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of Union County, Kentucky. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed - November 18, 2002

UNION COUNTY OFFICIALS

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

Fiscal Court Members:

Larry Joe Jenkins County Judge/Executive

James D. Austin

Joe Clements

Magistrate

Dennis Dossett

Magistrate

Bobby Veatch

Magistrate

Joe Wells

Magistrate

Other Elected Officials:

Brucie Kay Moore County Attorney

Ed Dempsey Jailer

Billy Steve Peak County Clerk

Sue Beaven Circuit Court Clerk

James R. Girten Sheriff

Ben T. Waller Property Valuation Administrator

Stephen Shouse Coroner

Appointed Personnel:

Sandra R.Butts County Treasurer
Vicki O'Nan Finance Officer

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

UNION COUNTY STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

June 30, 2001

Assets and Other Resources		
<u>Assets</u>		
General Fund Type		
General Fund:		
Cash	\$ 1,625,834	
Road and Bridge Fund:		
Cash	4,691,295	
Investments	900,000	
Jail Fund:		
Cash	11,058	
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund:		
Cash	1,530,980	
Payroll Revolving Account - Cash	 441	\$ 8,759,608
Debt Service Fund Type		
Public Properties Corporation Fund:		
Cash	319,466	
Investments	180,359	499,825
III. Courter to	 100,525	199,028
Other Resources		
General Fund Type		
Amounts to be Provided in Future Years for Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust Agreement Principal Payments (Note 4)	\$ 106,000	
Debt Service Fund Type		
Amounts to be Provided in Future Years for Bond Principal Payments (Note 5)	 1,230,175	 1,336,175
Total Assets and Other Resources		\$ 10,595,608

UNION COUNTY STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS June 30, 2001 (Continued)

<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>

Liabilities

General Fund Type

General Fund - Kentucky Association Of Counties Leasing Trust Agreement Payments (Note 4)

\$ 106,000

Payroll Revolving Account

441 \$ 106,441

<u>Debt Service Fund Type</u>

Public Properties Corporation Fund:

Bonds Not Matured (Note 5)

1,730,000

Fund Balances

Unreserved:

General Fund Type

General Fund	\$ 1,625,834
Road and Bridge Fund	5,591,295
Jail Fund	11,058
I and Community Francisco Assistance Ford	1 520 000

Local Government Economic Assistance Fund 1,530,980 8,759,167

Total Liabilities and Fund Balances \$ 10,595,608

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES

UNION COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	Road and	
1	Bridge	
	Fund	Jail Fu

General Fund Type

Cash Receipts	Totals (Memorandum Only)		General Fund		Road and Bridge Fund		Jail Fund	
Schedule of Operating Revenue Transfers In Kentucky Advance Revenue Program	\$	6,534,435 474,884 3,144,100	\$	3,766,128 48,284 3,041,700	\$	1,246,502 102,400	\$	227,090 355,000
Total Cash Receipts	\$	10,153,419	\$	6,856,112	\$	1,348,902	\$	582,090
Cash Disbursements								
Comparative Schedule of Final Budget and Budgeted Expenditures Transfers Out Bonds: Principal Paid Interest Paid Miscellaneous Charges	\$	5,723,793 474,884 70,000 103,106 10	\$	2,831,213 426,600	\$	1,409,517 48,284	\$	596,875
Kentucky Advance Revenue Program Repaid		3,144,100		3,041,700		102,400		
Total Cash Disbursements	\$	9,515,893	\$	6,299,513	\$	1,560,201	\$	596,875
Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements Cash Balance - July 1, 2000	\$	637,526 8,621,466	\$	556,599 1,069,235	\$	(211,299) 5,802,594	\$	(14,785) 25,843
Cash Balance - June 30, 2001	\$	9,258,992	\$	1,625,834	\$	* 5,591,295	\$	11,058

^{*} Cash Balance Includes Investments

UNION COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001 (Continued)

				Debt
	,	Service		
				Fund
General Fund T	`ype			Type
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund		Grant Fund		Public roperties orporation Fund
\$ 1,186,683	\$	2,964	\$	105,068 71,600
\$ 1,186,683	\$	2,964	\$	176,668
\$ 883,224	\$	2,964	\$	70,000 103,106 10
\$ 883,224	\$	2,964	\$	173,116
\$ 303,459 1,227,521	\$	0	\$	3,552 496,273
\$ 1,530,980	\$	0	\$	* 499,825

UNION COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2001

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statements of Union County include the funds, agencies, boards, and entities for which the fiscal court is financially accountable. Financial accountability, as defined by Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, as amended by GASB 14, was determined on the basis of the government's ability to significantly influence operations, select the governing authority, participate in fiscal management and the scope of public service. Based upon the criteria stated in GASB 14, management has included the Public Properties Corporation as part of the reporting entity.

<u>Union County Public Properties Corporation:</u>

Fiscal Court has the authority to appoint a voting majority of the Public Properties Corporation's (PPC) Board of Directors. Fiscal Court also has the ability to approve or modify the PPC's budget, approve or modify rate or fee changes affecting revenues, veto, overrule, or modify decisions of the Board of Directors, or otherwise impose its will on the PPC. In addition, Fiscal Court is financially accountable for the PPC: legally entitled to the PPC's resources as well as legally obligated for the PPC's debt. Financial information for the Public Properties Corporation is blended within Union County's financial statements.

Additional - Union County Constitutional Elected Officials

- Circuit Court Clerk
- County Attorney
- County Clerk
- County Sheriff
- Property Valuation Administrator

The Kentucky constitution provides for election of the above officials from the geographic area constituting Union County. Pursuant to state statute, these officials perform various services for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, its judicial courts, the fiscal court, various cities and special districts within the county, and the board of education. In exercising these responsibilities, however, they are required to comply with state laws. Audits of their financial statements are issued separately and individually and can be obtained from their respective administrative offices.

B. Fund Accounting

Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. The government uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Union County Fiscal Court's Fund Types, a definition of each, and county funds included within each fund type are listed below.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Fund Accounting (Continued)

1) General Fund Type

General Fund Type accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund type. The Union County General Fund Type includes the following county funds: General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, Jail Fund, Local Government Economic Assistance Fund, and Grant Fund.

2) <u>Debt Service Fund Type</u>

Debt Service Fund Type accounts for the accumulation of resources for the payment of general long-term debt principal and interest and includes funds for the Public Properties Corporation Fund. Debt service is provided through annual transfers from the General Fund Type.

C. Basis of Accounting

For all fund types, the county utilizes a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this basis of accounting, assets, liabilities, and related revenues and expenditures are recorded when they result from cash transactions, with a few exceptions. This modified cash basis recognizes revenues when received, except for the recording of long-term receivables and deferred revenue. Expenditures are recognized when paid, except for the recording of long-term obligations and amounts to be provided in future years.

D. Legal Compliance - Budget

The Union County budget is adopted on a cash basis of accounting and according to the laws of Kentucky as required by the State Local Finance Officer. The County Judge/Executive is required to submit estimated receipts and proposed expenditures to the fiscal court by May 1 of each year. The budget is prepared by fund, function, and activity and is required to be adopted by the fiscal court by July 1.

The fiscal court may change the original budget by transferring appropriations at the activity level; however, the fiscal court may not increase the total budget without approval by the State Local Finance Officer. Expenditures may not exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level.

Formal budgets are not adopted for the Public Properties Corporation Fund (Debt Service Fund) because bond indentures and other relevant contractual provisions require specific payments to and from this fund annually and transfers are budgeted in the General Fund Type to comply with these requirements. The Department for Local Government does not require this fund to be budgeted.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in bank accounts, and investments are stated at cost.

KRS 66.480 authorizes the county to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county has elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a multiple-employer public retirement system, which covers all eligible full-time employees. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 7.17 percent. Hazardous covered employees are required to contribute 7 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for hazardous employees was 16.78 percent.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65. Aspects of benefits for hazardous employees include retirement after 20 years of service or age 55.

Historical trend information showing the CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is present in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report.

Note 3. Deposits and Investments

A. Deposits

The county maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the county and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of June 30, 2001, the county's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the county's agent in the county's name, or provided surety bond which named the county as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

B. Investments

The county's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the county at year-end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or the securities are held by the county or by the county's agent in the county's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments where the securities are held by the financial institution in the county's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments where the securities were held by the financial institution, but not in the county's name.

Types of		Category		Carrying	Market
Investments	1	2	3	Amount	Value
Repurchase					
Agreements	\$ 1,080,359	\$	\$	\$ 1,080,359	\$ 1,080,359
Totals	\$ 1,080,359	\$	\$	\$ 1,080,359	\$ 1,080,359

Note 4. Capital Leases

Health Department Building

On November 18, 1997, the Union County Fiscal Court entered into a lease agreement with the Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust program. The original lease principal amount was \$160,000. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, the interest rate is 4.6%. The purpose of the lease is to provide funds for financing the addition and renovation of the County Health Department. The termination date of the lease is January 20, 2006. The Union County Health Department is currently making the lease payments.

Note 4. Capital Leases (Continued)

The remaining lease payment requirements are:

Due Date	I:	nterest	Principal		
2002	\$	5,521	\$	19,000	
2003		4,428		20,000	
2004		3,279		21,000	
2005		2,073		22,000	
2006		787		24,000	
Totals	\$	16,088	\$	106,000	

Note 5. Long-Term Debt

The Union County Public Properties Corporation issued Series 1995 1st Mortgage Revenue Bonds of \$2,040,000 on March 1, 1995 to fund the construction of the courthouse annex building. On March 1, 1995, the Union County Public Properties Corporation entered into a lease agreement with the Union County Fiscal Court. The Union County Fiscal Court is required to make lease payments for 20 years in an amount equal to the bond principal and interest debt service requirements. On March 1, 1995, the Union County Fiscal Court entered into a Use and Sublease agreement with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for the use of approximately 68.81% of the court annex building to assist in funding the debt service requirements. Remaining debt service requirements are:

Due Date	 Interest	Principal		
2002	\$ 99,028	\$	75,000	
2003	94,809		75,000	
2004	90,450		80,000	
2005	85,809		85,000	
2006	80,888		90,000	
2007-2011	316,688		560,000	
2012-2016	122,959		765,000	
Totals	\$ 890,631	\$	1,730,000	

Note 6. Ambulance Service Contract

Union County is currently operating under a lease agreement with the Union County Methodist Hospital concerning ambulance service for Union County including garage facilities. The contract states the County is liable for monthly deficits of the ambulance service. The contract provides no maximum expense for which the county is liable. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001 the County paid \$120,285 to the Union County Methodist Hospital for ambulance support. The County also paid \$5,769 directly to vendors for program support of the ambulance service.

Note 7. Subsequent Event

On August 14, 2001, the County entered into a capital lease project for the purpose of funding the renovation of the County's courthouse. The lease amount is \$1,335,700 to be repaid over 5 years at an interest rate of 4.0%. The final payment is scheduled for August 20, 2006.

Note 8. Insurance

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, Union County was a member of the Kentucky Association of Counties' All Lines Fund (KALF). KALF is a self-insurance fund and was organized to obtain lower cost coverage for general liability, property damage, public officials' errors and omissions, public liability, and other damages. The basic nature of a self-insurance program is that of a collectively shared risk by its members. If losses incurred for covered claims exceed the resources contributed by the members, the members are responsible for payment of the excess losses.

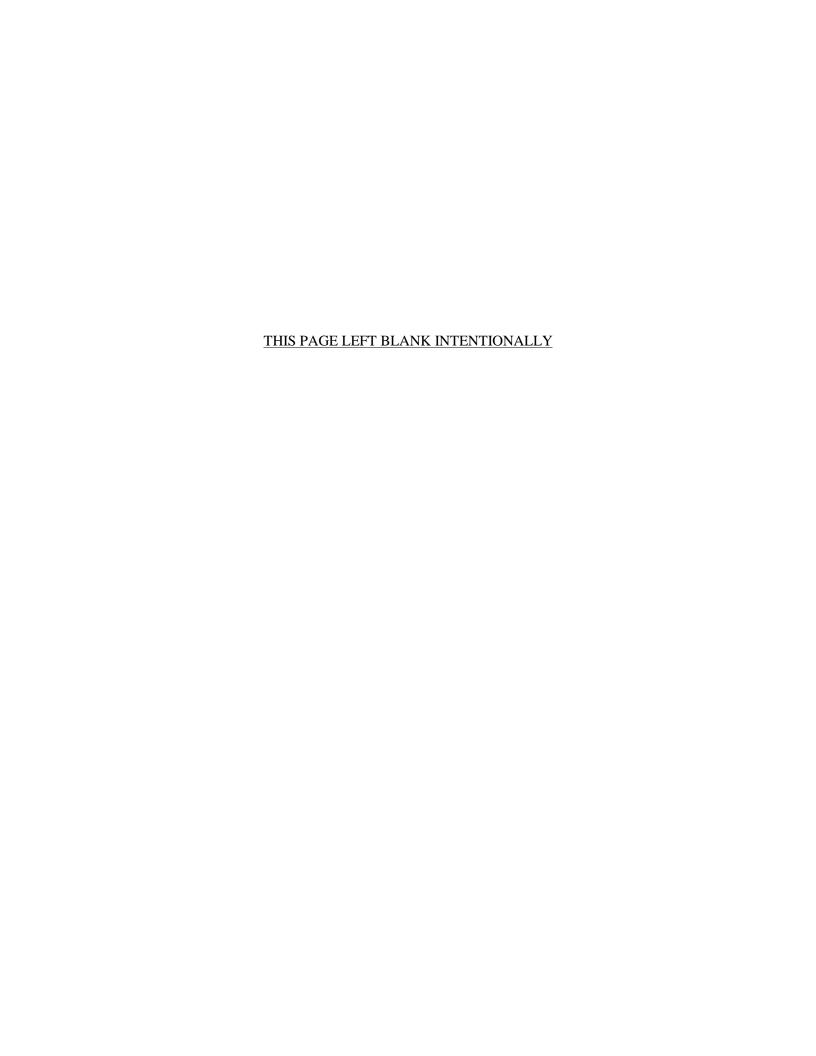
Note 9. Jail Canteen Fund

The canteen operations are authorized pursuant to KRS 441.135(1), which allows the jailer to sell snacks, sodas, and other items to inmates. The profits generated from the sale of those items are to be used for the benefit or recreation of the inmates. KRS 441.135(2) requires the jailer to maintain accounting records and report annually to the county treasurer the receipts and disbursements of the Jail Canteen. Technical Audit Bulletin 93-002 provides additional accounting and expenditure guidance for acceptable jail canteen operations.

The Union County Jail Canteen Fund had income of \$44,527, less cost of goods sold of \$40,960, leaving net income at \$3,567 as of June 30, 2001. All profit expenditures were for the benefit and/or recreation of the inmates.

Note 10. Related Party Transaction

The Union County Fiscal Court entered into a related party transaction when Edward O'Nan was hired to act as project manager for the last phase of the Dr. John A. Arnold Area and Convention Center. Edward O'Nan is the husband of Vicki O'Nan, County Finance Officer. The Fiscal Court paid Mr. O'Nan \$15,000 for his services.

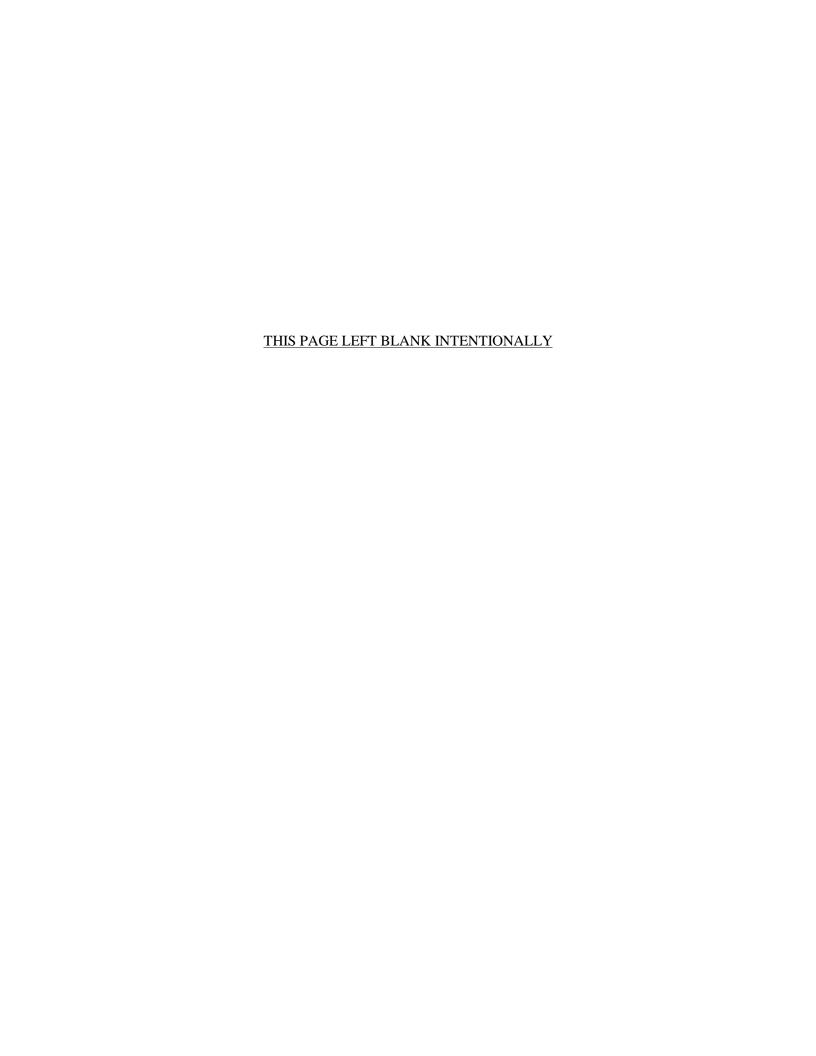


COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF BUDGETED TO ACTUAL OPERATING REVENUE

UNION COUNTY COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF BUDGETED TO ACTUAL OPERATING REVENUE

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	Budgeted Operating	(Actual	Over (Under)
Budgeted Funds	Revenue		Operating Revenue	Budget
General Fund Type				
General Fund Road and Bridge Fund Jail Fund	\$ 6,339,568 1,262,790 597,494	\$	3,766,128 1,246,502 227,090	\$ (2,573,440) (16,288) (370,404)
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund Grant Fund	832,838 6,043		1,186,683 2,964	 353,845 (3,079)
Totals	\$ 9,038,733	\$	6,429,367	\$ (2,609,366)
Reconciliation				
Total Budgeted Operating Revenue Above Add: Budgeted Prior Year Surplus Less: Other Financing Uses				\$ 9,038,733 2,131,314 (3,215,700)
Total Operating Budget Per Comparative Schedule Of Final Budget and Budgeted Expenditures				\$ 7,954,347



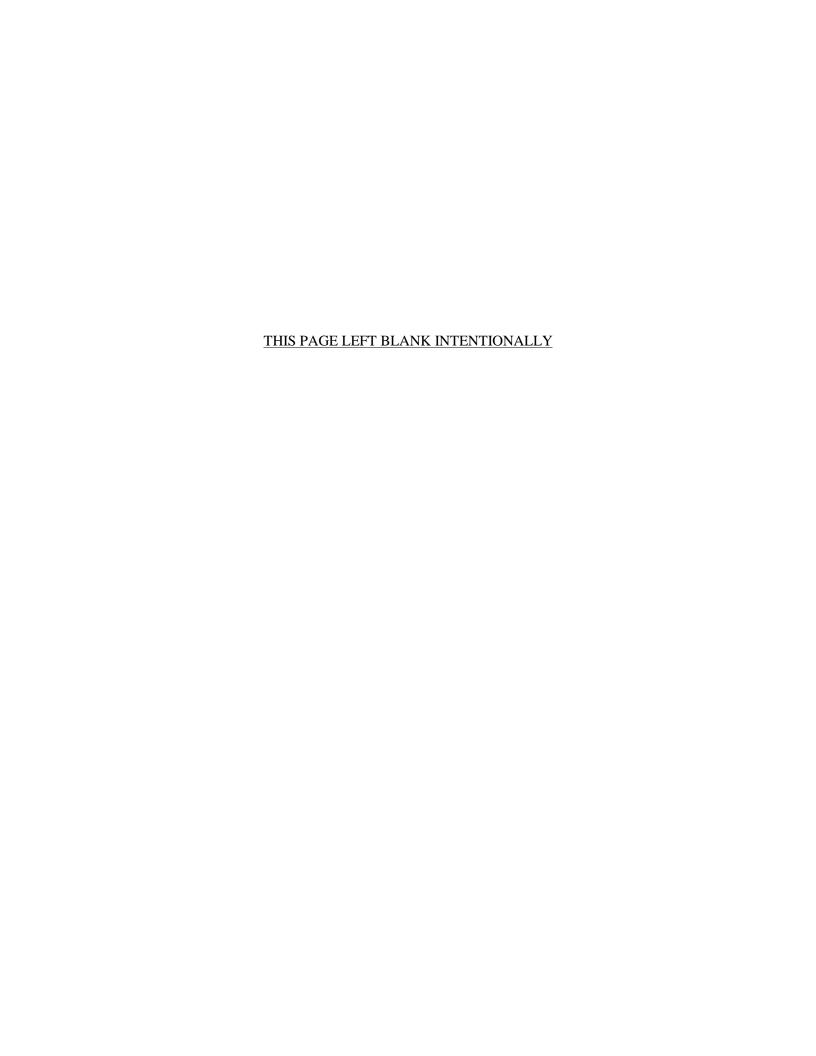


UNION COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUE

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

	Totals (Memorandum General					Debt Service		
Revenue Categories	Only)		F	Fund Type		Fund		
Taxes	\$	653,967	\$	653,967	\$			
In Lieu Tax Payments		75,240		75,240				
Excess Fees		192,921		192,921				
Licenses and Permits		4,576		4,576				
Intergovernmental Revenues		4,651,191		4,561,791		89,400		
Charges for Services		280,098		280,098				
Miscellaneous Revenues		108,073		108,073				
Interest Earned		568,329		552,701		15,628		
Total Operating Revenue	\$	6,534,395	\$	6,429,367	\$	105,028		



COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINAL BUDGET AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

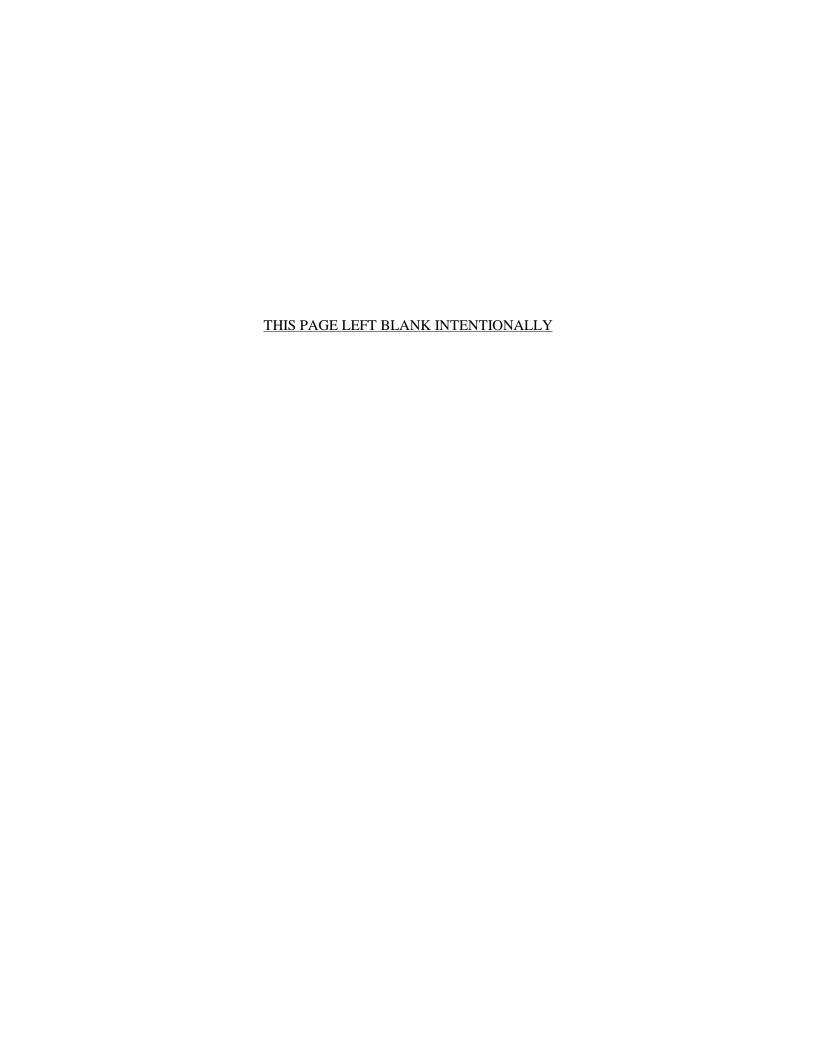
UNION COUNTY COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINAL BUDGET AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	GENERAL FUND TYPE					
Expenditure Categories	Final Budget		Budgeted Expenditures		Under (Over) Budget	
General Government	\$	1,397,669	\$	938,812	\$	458,857
Protection to Persons and Property		853,369		659,519		193,850
General Health and Sanitation		155,183		134,317		20,866
Social Services		145,561		124,431		21,130
Recreation and Culture		1,449,711		338,506		1,111,205
Roads		1,680,477		1,319,422		361,055
Bus Services		85,420		85,420		
Capital Projects		1,485,466		1,453,267		32,199
Administration		701,491		670,099		31,392
Total Operating Budget - General Fund Type	\$	7,954,347	\$	5,723,793	\$	2,230,554
Other Financing Uses: Borrowed Money- Kentucky Advanced Revenue						
Program - Principal Transfers to Public Property		3,144,100		3,144,100		
Corporation Fund		71,600		71,600		
TOTAL BUDGET - GENERAL						

\$ 11,170,047 \$ 8,939,493 \$ 2,230,554

FUND TYPE



REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the financial statements of Union County, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated November 18, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Union County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Union County's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards (Continued)

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than the specified party.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed -November 18, 2002

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE -LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

The Union County Fiscal Court hereby certifies that assistance received from the Local Government Economic Development Program and Local Government Economic Assistance Program was expended for the purpose intended as dictated by the applicable Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Name / / County Judge/Executive

Name

County Treasurer